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## Letter from Thomas G. Clemson to Elias Baker, 1858 February 24

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are in error - Mr. Lepp bought the  
bills of exchange sent him to the Am-  
consul at Antwerp & he paid them to  
the manufacturer. But as I said before  
I now offer to sell the furniture for you  
& I think the whole will sell better than  
the parts. If the times are prosperous I do  
not think that there will be much dif-  
ficulty. The pieces which I offered you  
for your clock were fully if not more  
than the value of the latter. My address  
is care of Chas M Lepp Esq 20 Perry  
St New York and I shall leave here  
without something hands present about  
Wednesday & I go on to see if I can sell  
them which is in store & still in box.

As a matter of course if you can & will  
do nothing I must do as well as I can  
& my conscience & every business man in  
the US State will exonerate me from all  
concern -

Yours affectionately

Thos. J. Clemons

Col E. Baker -

The Home Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1858

My dear Sir

I have just received your letter  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst & hasten to say to you that  
I have already strived as far as I can to oblige  
you. You mistake when you suppose that  
I believe you have failed & gone to stocks, I  
never read of any of your affairs in any public  
paper & know nothing more about them than  
what you have told me. No doubt you have  
been embarrassed & have met with losses which  
I very much regret to know. I have done  
for you as much as I can do. Four or five  
years ago I bought property from California  
to meet your engagements wrong way with three  
2 1/2 per cent per month & I paid 2 per cent  
premium to get it here - I regret that  
my proposition did not meet with your ap-  
probation I made it to help you out of  
a difficulty & to clear myself - As I have  
money & must make it - you do not

appear to appreciate the trouble & expense  
you have put me to - and as to what  
you say about my profits - &c all that  
is entirely gratuitous. You will remember  
that I offered to take your furniture at  
cost the very price - if you would de-  
liver it to me in New York. You now  
say again that you would rather sell  
your furniture if I am embarrassed for  
a few hundred. I can not pay you  
cash to the amount of thousands, but  
if you will send your furniture to New  
York (all save the carpet) I will sell  
it for you refund you the amount (deduc-  
ting the price of carpet) & keep the surplus  
as my profit - As you find it incon-  
venient to sell your property to make pay-  
ment & exchange one piece of property  
the clerk to aid me (and that without  
the smallest loss or inconvenience to you)  
you will not think strange that I

should refuse to make any further sacrifices  
to keep the furniture in New York at a cost  
for storage at a risk of fire &c - longer  
and that particularly as I have already ad-  
vanced nine hundred dollars & have more  
to pay - Even when you were urging me  
to bring the furniture here, you forced me  
to advance the money (inward which it  
would not come) & if you delay you forced  
me to pay the duty & freight which  
could all have been saved - As it is  
necessity - compels me to realize somehow  
or other & I have already offered the  
furniture which is in New York for  
sale - I propose going to that city - the  
<sup>if you desire to sell the furniture</sup>  
coming week & I beg you will send to  
me a list of the different pieces of  
furniture you have & their condition  
& when it will be in good point to  
deliver it to me in that city - so  
soon as I receive your list I will set  
about for its sale - If you suppose  
that I have touched the property you sent  
me & kept one dollar back, you